

SHOTWELL DENIES GIVING MONEY FOR DETECTIVES' BILL

Amount of Notes Was to Be Returned to Him, Testifies Broker.

Charles L. Shotwell, merchandise broker of No. 522 Fifth Avenue, today took the stand before Justice O'Malley and a jury in his action against Charles H. Badenberger, of No. 406 West 27th Street, who is being sued for \$2,500, representing a note given by Badenberger to make up a fund of \$10,000 to have the Detective's Bill pushed through by Jack Kleist, the lobbyist, and stated that it was his understanding that none of the money put up by him would be paid until after the bill became a law.

Mr. Shotwell said that Thomas H. Conkling secured from him on April 4 his certified check for \$6,000 and in return for the check Conkling delivered three notes each for \$2,000. He said he did not know any of the makers.

A fourth note was given, but this Shotwell said he rejected because it was not properly indorsed. Shotwell said if he knew that the note given by Badenberger was to be used as collateral for the loan he would not have accepted it. His belief was that it represented part of a fund to be paid after the Detective's Bill became a law.

Upon cross examination Shotwell testified he was very friendly with detectives. He explained how on April 4 he drew his check on the Hariman Bank and turned it over to Conkling, who gave him the four notes each for \$2,000. He said there was arrangement made for interest or any other consideration for the loan. Shotwell admitted he was at the 68th Street station house and "talked over" the matter ten days before he made out his check.

When asked whether he testified before Commissioner Hirschfeld to the effect that he told Detective Finn he would give the money without security, Shotwell replied this was not true. He added that when he took the notes it was his understanding that the money was to be deposited in escrow in bank in Jersey City until after the bill became a law. In the event the bill became a law there was to have been an assignment by the Detective's Endowment Association and Shotwell would be paid back the sum he advanced.

Commissioner Hirschfeld today resumed his investigation of rumors that a large fund had been raised to finance lobbying on the bill. William Cook, who conducts a cafe at No. 200 Amsterdam Avenue, which is said to be a favorite resort for police and detectives was examined in secret.

Mr. Hirschfeld said he had been told that Cook handled a fund of \$10,000 for certain detectives at the time the bill was before the Legislature, but he refused to say whether or not Cook had confirmed the report. The investigation will be resumed on Nov. 23, when Cook will be examined in open session.

The matter of Senator Clayton R. Lusk's silver service, which was presented to him by grateful detectives, was not taken up today.

CLOUDBURST SPREADS DEATH IN SICILY

MESSINA, Sicily, Nov. 21.—(Associated Press).—Cloudbursts have devastated the whole countryside in the region of this city, entire villages being swept by the floods and the lines of communication broken.

Hundreds of persons are homeless and several are reported dead.

Autos Smash; Hurt Pedestrians. Joseph Herman, No. 1837 Coney Island Avenue, and John McMahon, No. 1851 Benson Avenue, Brooklyn, were held in \$2,000 bail in the Coney Island court this morning on short affidavits charging felonious assault. The defendants, each driving an automobile, collided this morning at Bay 17th Street and Bath Avenue, both cars skidding to the sidewalk and knocking down three pedestrians.

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I. R. T. AUDITOR ADMITS FINANCIAL REPORTS NOT TRUE

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affected the accumulation of the surplus.

Q. But the surplus is only \$2,242,000, and on any theory of writing off the nineteen years that have passed during the history of the lease the sum written off would largely exceed \$2,000,000? A. It would.

A. And if it had been done, as I say, your surplus reported would have been a deficit? A. If that had been done, yes.

Other interesting facts brought at today's hearing were the following:

From 1903 to 1921 the Interborough paid dividends amounting to 306 per cent. on its actual cash capital and 187½ per cent. on its authorized capital.

In eighteen years, under a guarantee agreement, the Interborough paid the stockholders of the Manhattan Elevated \$75,336,000, just about \$4,000,000 less than the total cost of the elevated system which had paid for itself before the Interborough took it over.

With constantly increasing traffic the Interborough has cut down its train service and seats in the subway from 10 to 16 per cent. as compared with 1916.

Frederick W. Lindars, chief accountant for the Transit Commission, testified that the Interborough from 1903 to 1921 had a net income of \$67,867,878.48.

Out of this amount the company paid out \$65,625,000 in dividends in the same period, leaving only \$2,242,878.48 to take care of worthless stock, contract depreciation, proper amortization of capital and bills receivable.

DIVIDENDS PAID BY I. R. T. TO MANHATTAN.

The total dividends paid by the Interborough to the Manhattan Elevated Railway in eighteen years, Mr. Lindars testified, was \$75,336,000 which is within \$4,000,000 of the total cost of the Manhattan Elevated properties.

"Well, the dividend figures that you put in showed that the dividends disallowed on the \$35,000,000 of capital stock amounted to 187½ per cent. on that sum, did they not?" asked Counselor Shearn.

"Yes, sir," was the answer. "What did it amount to on the actual cash capital of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company?"

"306 per cent.," replied Mr. Lindars. Harry N. Latsey, Chief of the Commissions Bureau of Equipment and Operation, testified to observations made in the month of October, 1921, at various points along the east and west subway lines in the Borough of Manhattan, which he compared with tabulations made in 1916.

On the east side subway lines from

Brooklyn Bridge to Grand Central there was in 1921 during rush hour service 91 per cent. of the service rendered in 1916.

In mid-day express service the trains per hour in 1921 as against 1916 was 63 per cent. Local train service per hour on the east side subway from the Bridge to 42d Street in 1921 was 91 per cent. of what it was in 1916.

The local east side mid-day service in 1921 was the same as it was in 1916—fifteen trains per hour. Mr. Latsey testified that the total seats per hour on east side lines in 1921 was 59 per cent. of the total seats per hour in 1916 on the express and local service in the subway.

The seats per hour on local and express east side trains in midday service provided in 1916. The seats per hour on the west side subway express trains from Times Square to 96th Street the train per hour in 1921 were 31 as compared with 33 in the year 1916.

The west side local trains between the same points on a basis of trains per hour was 67 per cent. in 1921 of the service rendered in 1916. The seats per hour on the west side between Times Square and 96th Street was 84 per cent. in rush hours and 62 per cent. at midday in 1921 as compared to the service maintained in 1916.

The Second Avenue Elevated express service in rush hours was shown to be 70 per cent. in 1921 of what it was in 1916 and the trains per hour on the local service in the rush hours was 82 per cent. in 1921 of the service maintained in 1916.

INCREASE IN TRAFFIC ON THIRD AVENUE L.

The only increase in traffic was on the Third Avenue Elevated express service, which showed in 1921 an increase of 26 per cent. in the number of trains per hour over those operated in 1916. This increase was due, Mr. Latsey said, to the opening of the new express tracks.

The total rush hour service on the Third Avenue elevated in seats per hour on both express and local trains was 81 per cent. in 1921 of what it was in 1916. There was an increase of 68 per cent. in 1921 of the non-rush hour service in seats per hour on both the Second and Third Avenue Elevated

lines. The Sixth Avenue express rush hour service in 1921 fell off to 57 per cent. of what it was in 1916. The total rush hour service in seats per hour on both express and local was in 1921 70 per cent. of 1916 service.

The Ninth Avenue express service was testified to be the same this year that it was five years ago.

The Third Avenue surface lines in Manhattan only operated 84½ per cent. in 1920 as compared with 1915 in its cars operated per mile of track.

Mr. Shearn drew from the witness that the Third Avenue Company not only cut down the car mileage but also the number of cars for each car mile of road operated.

The Bronx lines from 1916 to 1920 cut down on cars operated per mile of track to the extent of 66 per cent. of its former service. It was shown that similar curtailments in service took effect in Brooklyn and Queens.

The B. R. T. subway carried an increase of 97½ per cent. in passengers in 1921 over 1916, at the rate of 405 passengers to each car seat.

The B. R. T., however, provided more seats per passenger than the Interborough did. The latter company carried 552 passengers per car.

Requests Traffic Signal System for Times Square.

A committee of the Broadway Association conferred with the finance and budget committee of the Board of Estimate today on the question of a traffic signal system appropriation for the Times Square district. The committee was requested to submit suggestions to Special Deputy Police Commissioner Harris and have him present a request for funds.

Decision Reserved on Plea of Ousted Inspectors.

Decision was reserved today by Justice William P. Burr on the application for a writ of mandamus compelling Henry E. Draper, Industrial Commissioner, to reinstate Edward A. Devins and thirty others who were deposed as Factory Inspectors June 29 last.

Fire Rages Anew On Ship After Reilly Is Landed

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crew removed all their belongings from the ship at noon. By that time it was so hot in the lower hull preparations were under way to abandon the fire and engine rooms.

Gov. Reilly, who has become the object of intense disapproval on the part of the natives of Porto Rico during the short time he has held office under appointment by President Harding, left Ponce on the Tassimo last Tuesday. Nearly everybody in the town and hundreds of people from the interior were on the pier. The officers of the ship were puzzled by an apparent gaiety in the throng and the unanimity with which the populace cheered the ship as she steamed out of the harbor.

It would appear in the light of later events that the crowd on shore was aware of the fact that a fire bomb had been placed aboard. At any rate fire broke out on Thursday evening in No. 2 hatch, the covering of which had been fastened down before departure from Ponce.

The crew fought the fire continuously until the ship arrived here yesterday afternoon. A great crowd of Porto Ricans, carrying banners and signs abusive of Gov. Reilly, assembled on the pier and in West Street. Mr. Reilly was accosted off the ship in a police launch and went to the Hotel Vanderbilt.

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